



# 6

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Here the Application of

Naomasa SHIRAISHI

Group Art Unit: 2812

Application No.: 10/031,440

Filed: January 22, 2002

Docket No.: 111734

For: EXPOSURE METHOD AND APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTDirector of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 3 and 4 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 3. English-language Translations of the non-English language references 2 and 5 are attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

Mario A. Costantino  
Registration No. 33,565Joel S. Armstrong  
Registration No. 36,430MAC:JSA/mlb  
Date: April 12, 2002OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC  
P.O. Box 19928  
Alexandria, Virginia 22320  
Telephone: (703) 836-6400DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE  
AUTHORIZATIONPlease grant any extension  
necessary for entry;  
Charge any fee due to our  
Deposit Account No. 15-0461RECEIVED  
APR 15 2002  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800